



What scholarship criteria should I consider?

We will work with you to help create your gift and ensure that it has the greatest impact for SUNY Orange students. Here are some options for you to consider:

- **Entering or Returning Student?** If you want your scholarship to help attract a new student or help someone who never imagined they could afford to go to college, then choose Entering Student. If you want to recognize the work and accomplishments of a student who has already begun his or her educational journey, and who may be struggling to balance the demands of studying, with those of working a full or part-time job, then choose Returning Student. You can also select both.
- **Full-time or Part-time?** For many, it is difficult to attend SUNY Orange full-time, since many of our students must also work and some are even raising families. Typically, there is also less federal or state financial aid available for part-time students. If that consideration is important to you, choose Part-Time. When students do elect to study full time, your scholarship helps relieve a great deal of pressure. Plus, it helps them achieve their academic and career goals sooner. In that case, choose Full-time. Again, you can also select both.
- **Academic or Need-Based?** Do you want to focus your scholarship on recognizing merit, and reward strong academic performance of a student regardless of financial need? If that is the case, you want to offer an academic-based scholarship. If you want to provide a boost to a student who struggles with paying for college, while doing their best to succeed academically, then you want to create a Need-based scholarship. We work with the College's Financial Aid experts to help determine need, and we can emphasize either option, or balance both need and merit if that is your choice. You can also express support for students pursuing an education in a specific major, for example Engineering or Art.

However, please remember that flexible criteria can be helpful, especially with endowed scholarships. Over time, job opportunities and student needs change, so we recommend being fairly open and flexible in shaping your scholarship. Often, use of the word "prefer" is the best choice in describing your scholarship criteria.